

S/N 09/847,479

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REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 CFR §1.116, since no new claims or issues are presented and the claim amendments merely incorporate the lower limit that the Examiner insist be included.

It is further noted that, notwithstanding any claim amendments made herein, Applicants' intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution. It is noted that Applicants do not concede that the Examiner's position is correct but wish to place the current claims into condition for immediate allowance.

Claims 1-12 are all of the claims pending in the present Application. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, as failing the written description requirement. Claim 4-6 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Applicants believe the above claim amendments fully address the Examiner's concerns and that all remaining claims are now in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-12, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

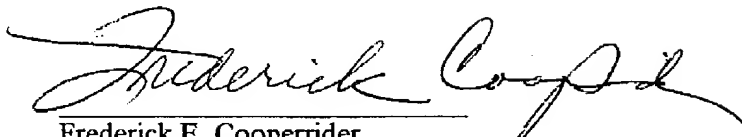
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 09-0458.

Respectfully Submitted,

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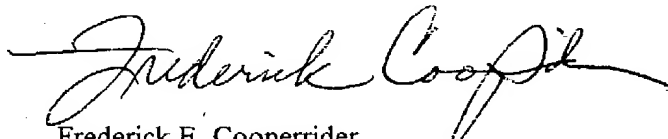
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CERTIFICATION OF TRANSMISSION

I certify that I transmitted via facsimile to (703) 872-9306 this Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116 to Examiner N. M. Barreca on September 28, 2004.



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